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Conclusion

The specification has been amended to update the priority information. Claims 2, 14 and 23 are amended to correct typographical errors.

Applicant further informs the USPTO of two co-pending applications, serial nos. 11/292,653 and 11/426,523, filed December 2005 and June 2006, respectively.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes do not introduce new matter, do not narrow the scope, merely clarify the claims. Applicant further submits that the claims are allowable without further search or consideration. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 312, and is respectfully requested.

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